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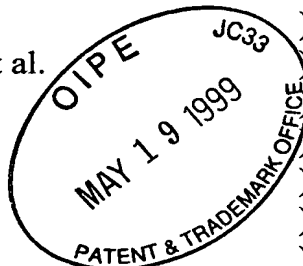
IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:
CARL J. KNUEVEN et al.

Serial No. 09/131,522

Filed: August 10, 1998

For: SODIUM BISULFATE AS
ACIDULANT IN FOODS



Group Art Unit 1761

Examiner N. Bhat

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Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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AMENDMENT

Honorable Sir:

In response to the Official Letter, Paper No. 3, dated February 17, 1999,
please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Cancel Claims 1-18.

Insert the following new Claims 19-31:

1. ~~19.~~ A food composition comprising a food including sodium bisulfate added in an amount effective to act as an acidulant in the food, the added sodium bisulfate containing less than 0.003% heavy metals, less than 0.05% water insoluble substances and less than 0.003% selenium by weight, and the food further including moisture in an amount effective to dissolve the sodium bisulfate.

2. ~~20.~~ The food composition defined in Claim ~~19~~ wherein the sodium bisulfate is added as a product consisting essentially of from about 91.5% to about